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**From:** jcody@teen-aid.org  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 4:49 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules. In addition, the fate of democracy in the United States should be considered.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children. Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development. At this time a significant portion of children's programs are aimed at selling toys, clothing and other merchandise. They do nothing to support positive social values. I have noted that the shows that are most offensive in this way are those sponsored by a handful of entertainment magnets, who are clearly putting their own profits ahead of the public good.

Similarly, the American democracy was founded on the idea that every person or group were equally free to voice their opinion to the public, and that the free exchange of ideas allowed voters to select the best. This worked well when all citizens, from the poor to the powerful and wealthy shared the same soapbox in the town square. Now a few - the powerful and wealthy - dominate the political dialogue because they are the only ones who can buy air time on TV. This situation will worsen if the media are in the hands of fewer companies.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how future of children and our country will be affected.

Sincerely,

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cc:

Senator Patty Murray

Senator Maria Cantwell

Representative George Nethercutt

**From:** Betty Chatfield  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 4:50 PM  
**Subject:** Deregulation allowing fewer Companies to control more stations

PLEASE, do not allow this to pass. We have so few options for the truth now. Most of the Media is already controlled by only a few radicals. Our Country is in big trouble now. We need more free enterprise by more small companies not less.

There is a serious power grab going on and this is a crucial part of it. PLEASE do not allow them to do it.

I have never done this before, but I am very worried about the direction this Country is going. We may someday have to have another Revolution if it is not stopped.

Betty Chatfield

**From:** Lynn Houston  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadelster@fcc.gov  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 5:00 PM  
**Subject:** FCC - DO NOT CHANGE MEDIA OWNERSHIP RULES

Dear FCC Personnel:

We are aware that the Federal Communications Commission recently initiated a proceeding to review its media ownership rules. The FCC has tentatively set June 2, 2003 to vote on these changes. We wish to make it totally clear that we think the proposed changes are NOT in the interest of the American people, but only in the interest of whomever wishes to control the media.

The FCC is also stealthily moving toward complete privatization, meaning our rights as citizens of a democracy could be totally erased and corporations would own and control all media systems. The corporate backed organization that is moving toward total privatization calls themselves: The Progress and Freedom Foundation. What hypocrisy that is. The result would be the opposite of progress and would stifle our freedom to information.

The writers of our constitution must be groaning in their graves as they see the effort to erode our freedom.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Dave DeA'Morelli  
**To:** john\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 5:05 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Dear commisioner,

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted.

The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

Sincerely,  
David De A' Morelli

**CC:** Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy

**From:** Kai Aiyetoro  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 5:32 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Kai Aiyetoro (kai@nfcfb.org) writes:

Greetings!

I attended the media ownership hearings in San Francisco this past Saturday and spoke on behalf of NFCB and self. I forgot to pass on my comments to you. The following were my comment:

Today, I come to you on behalf of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters with a membership of over 200 full power and low power FM noncommercial radio stations serving the diverse communities of this country. NFCB member stations are located in small cities like Lakeport, CA and Opelousas, LA; and major urban cities like Atlanta, GA and San Francisco, CA; all working towards one common goal; offering local voices and the ideologies of their communities to their communities.

Laxer media ownership rules were the outcome of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which allowed major media conglomerates buy out hundreds of radio stations throughout the country. Many communities lost their local voices through syndication. One station right here in San Francisco pulled a familiar voice from the mainstream commercial radio station in the Black community and replace it with what was thought to be the perfect substitute, a national Black voice; but this voice couldnt speak on issues developing in this San Francisco community. Nor could he discuss any issues with the community at large. This voice didnt understand the culture of this particular African American community. Nor could he become part of this community. Many communities are loosing their local flavor and talent; and becoming just another statistic in the books of Arbitron.

How many cities have you visited; turned on the radio trying to find out what was really happening in that community or hear some local talent; and all you heard was the same old easy listening, top 40, urban, churban, country, or smooth jazz stations that you hear at home? These stations even have the same old jingle; just a different call letter. There is no diversity in radio today except in the noncommercial arena!

When I go to New Orleans, I want to hear about the Creole and Zydeco cultures and sounds of Louisiana; when I go to the Midwest, I want to hear the jazz and blues that originated in Kansas City; wherever we live, the diversity within the communities must be shared through the media so that we all might understand that we dont all look, talk or act the same, even though we live in the same cities.

It is imperative that the Federal Communications Commission recognizes that the media is not only about numbers; and I am talking about dollars; its about communicating with our neighbors; its about sharing our cultures and values; its about educating and informing our communities about issues that affect each and every one of us everyday. Its about each community having its own distinct voice. *The airwaves belong to the public.* America is one of the most diverse countries in the world, so why do our media outlets sound the same?

How many people in the communities across the country know about or even understand the issues that

**From:** Jenks,Alden F.  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 6:02 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations Changes

Dear Chairman Powell,

I wish merely to add my small voice to the chorus of dismay that has been greeting your proposed easing of regulations on ownership of media outlets. The ease with which the main television news sources were manipulated by the military in the recent invasion of Iraq is only one illustration of the many reasons why variety of views, as well as locally based news, are far more important than the "efficiencies of scale" which seem to have taken on such paramount importance in your considerations. Whose welfare is more important, sir --- that of huge media conglomerates, or those of the average citizen?

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**From:** jewel\_e\_1@yahoo.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 6:52 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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Senator Mike DeWine  
Representative Dennis Kucinich  
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**From:** Jody Ginsberg  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:03 PM  
**Subject:** NO TO MEDIA DEREGULATION!

Mr. Powell,

The people have spoken and they say "NO TO DEREGULATION." Comments by the U.S. public have been overwhelmingly opposed to media consolidation. Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition, and they understand the FCC is working to deny our freedoms by discouraging diversity of opinions. I believe the proposed deregulation puts the foundation of our democracy in jeopardy. America wants to hear the voice of the American people, not the voice of corporate conglomerates.

Sincerely,

Joan Ginsberg

**CC:** john\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy

**From:** Raymond Meyer  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:16 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Raymond Meyer (WhitmanLS@cs.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I thank you for initiating and attending forums in which the pending changes to FCC regulations can be discussed and opinions about them can be expressed.

Such gatherings are essential to democratic processes, even when the decision will not be made by a vote of those affected.

I oppose the changes that would permit still greater concentration of media ownership. Democracy requires free dissemination of information, ideas, and opinions. Art, such as music and drama, thrives only when a broad array of forums are available for its presentation.

Increase of the number of media "outlets," while the range of what is being conveyed through them is being reduced by concentration of ownership of media sources, does not provide, let alone guarantee, the diversity we need.

Rather than promoting the acquisition of yet more radio and TV stations (and perhaps of newspapers) by huge corporations like Clear Channel and Fox, the FCC should be enacting rules that would force those corporations to divest themselves of many of their media outlets. Local ownership of radio and TV stations is conducive to better service to the communities in which they are located.

Sincerely,  
Raymond Meyer

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**From:** gregschwarz@frontiernet.net  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:35 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

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While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. We believe that additional input from the public will help the Commission see the strengths and weaknesses of any new approach.

I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

The stakes for citizens and the nation are enormous. More information, not less, about proposed changes would best serve the public interest. Indeed, we hope the Commission would do everything in its power to keep the rulemaking process as open and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

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**From:** arm3@infionline.net  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:42 PM  
**Subject:** FCC changes.

I do not see where it will serve democracy by having more of our news outlets owned by fewer people. It is bad enough as it is. Please reconsider your support for bigger monopolies.

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**From:** amyjane@ucsc.edu  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
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**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
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Sincerely,

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Senator Dianne Feinstein  
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**From:** Valerie Tarico  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 10:43 PM  
**Subject:** Please oppose deregulation

Government by the people depends on exposure to a diversity of opinions on any given topic. When the media are dominated by a few conglomerates, this simply isn't possible because the various media outlets share the same vested interests, whatever those may be.

Please oppose further deregulation.

Thank you,

Valerie Tarico, Ph.D.

**From:** dstruthers  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 11:16 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Deregulation

Mr. Powell,

I am writing to urge you to extend the June 2 deadline for deregulation of media ownership, and allow the release of pending rule changes to the public. We strongly need public debate on this issue, and Congressional Hearing into these rule changes.

It is imperative to stop the further consolidation of media. The media has failed the public trust by not providing unbiased reporting on crucial issues, most notably the recent war in Iraq. Some issues are simply not reported, while the airwaves are full of celebrity babble.

It is important for the maintenance of a strong democracy to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine, and oppose the deregulation of the media.

Thank You,  
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**From:** mindy stone  
**To:** mpowdl@fcc.gov  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 11:31 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Fairness Doctrine

Dear FCC Member,

I am writing to implore you to prevent more mergers of our communication companies from happening. I have been so sick of such BIASED reporting of the war in Iraq and the mean-spirited actions by the Clear Channel in opposition to the peace actions that have been taking place over the past year.

We cannot afford to allow conglomerates to control the airwaves and continue to lie to the masses on issue after issue. Democracy depends on the truth and on truth-tellers. This is just not what we are getting from FOX, NBC, CBS and ABC. Even CNN has been guilty of reporting staged & manufactured news

The American public have already been disgraced by the "giveaway" of the digital spectrum by the passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and too many flexible rules for media mergers competition is virtually nil.

Please.....do not allow another theft of the American spirit.

Sincerely,

Mindy Stone

**CC:** KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy

**From:** Eileen Newman  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 1:23 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Regulation

Hi!

Please keep the regulations strong in monopolies in the communications field. I do not want all my information from one source....

- Eileen Newman

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